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REMARKS

The office action of September 9, 2004, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that further response is requested for claim 19, lines 16-17 and 17-19.

In response to the Examiner's request applicant has further amended claim 19 to clarify lines 16-19. The connecting channels 21, 21' are part of the valve 9.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 11, 12, 14-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

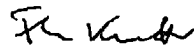
Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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